

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventors	:	Dixon, et al.)	
)	
Applicant	:	Microsoft Corporation)	
)	
Serial No.	:	10/014,747)	Examiner: K. Derwich
)	
Filed	:	October 26, 2001)	Art Unit: 2132
)	
For	:	Method For Providing User Authentication/Authorization And Distributed Firewall Using Same)	Confirmation No.: 5741
)	

Mail Stop: AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLACEMENT RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 18, 2005
AMENDMENT

Please accept this Response and Amendment in place of the previously filed (12/7/2005) Response to Final Office Action of October 18, 2005, Amendment.

In response to the Final Office Action of October 18, 2005, in connection with the above-identified application, the following amendments and remarks are submitted. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Claim amendments are reflected in the claim listing that begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this Amendment.